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Job Vacancies, Australia

Results of the quarterly Job Vacancies Survey containing estimates of job vacancies classified by industry, sector and state/territory.

Reference period February 2026

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Key statistics

Seasonally adjusted estimates for February 2026:

- Total job vacancies were 337,900, an increase of 2.7% from November 2025.
- Private sector vacancies were 299,000, an increase of 3.2% from November 2025.
- Public sector vacancies were 39,000, a decrease of 0.7% from November 2025.

Job vacancies, public and private sector

		Feb-2026 ('000)	Quarterly change (%)	Yearly change (%)
Trend	Private sector	294.4	0.6	-0.9
	Public sector	39.3	0.8	6.9
	Private and public sectors	333.7	0.6	-0.1
Seasonally adjusted	Private sector	299.0	3.2	3.6
	Public sector	39.0	-0.7	4.7
	Private and public sectors	337.9	2.7	3.7
Original	Private sector	304.2	4.7	4.0
	Public sector	38.1	-4.3	4.8
	Private and public sectors	342.4	3.6	4.1

Survey impacts and changes

Other measures of labour demand



In addition to Job Vacancies, there are a number of non-ABS indicators that measure labour demand using alternative concepts, sources and methods. These are also widely used as leading indicators of employment. Prominent examples include the ANZ-Indeed Australian Job Ads Index, the SEEK Employment Report, and Jobs and Skills Australia's Internet Vacancy Index.

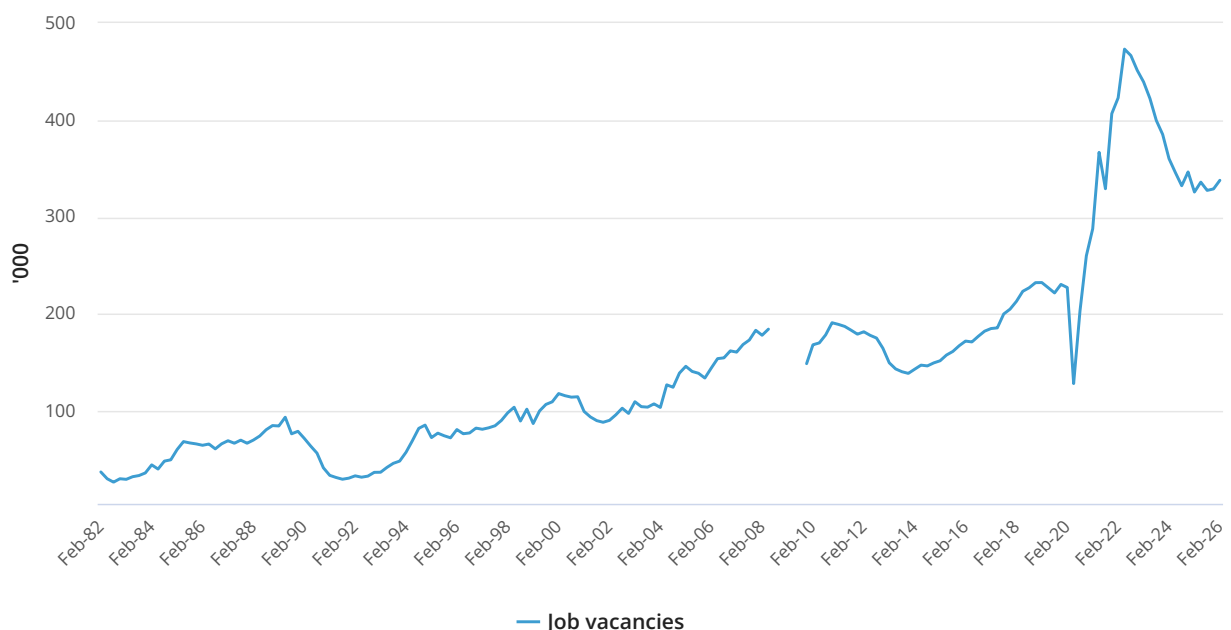
Measures of job vacancies and job advertisements will differ for a number of reasons:

- Job vacancies includes jobs for which job advertisements are undertaken but also includes jobs where other recruitment approaches are exclusively used, such as word of mouth or social media. For example, jobs in the Accommodation and food services industry are more likely to be advertised on social media or in shop front signs. These jobs were one of the key drivers of the boom in job vacancies during the pandemic.
- Job vacancies is a count of every position advertised within a single notice, while some job advertisements may be used to fill multiple positions.
- Most job advertisement series collect the number of jobs advertised over a period of time, whereas job vacancies are measured on one particular day. The difference between these two measures could be exacerbated during a time of severe labour shortages. That is, if a job is vacant longer, there is more chance it will be vacant on the reference date, yet it would still only count for one job ad.

Job vacancies over time

Job vacancies increased by 2.7% (8,900 vacancies) in the three months to February 2026 (seasonally adjusted). This is 28.6% lower than it was in May 2022 when the level of job vacancies peaked.

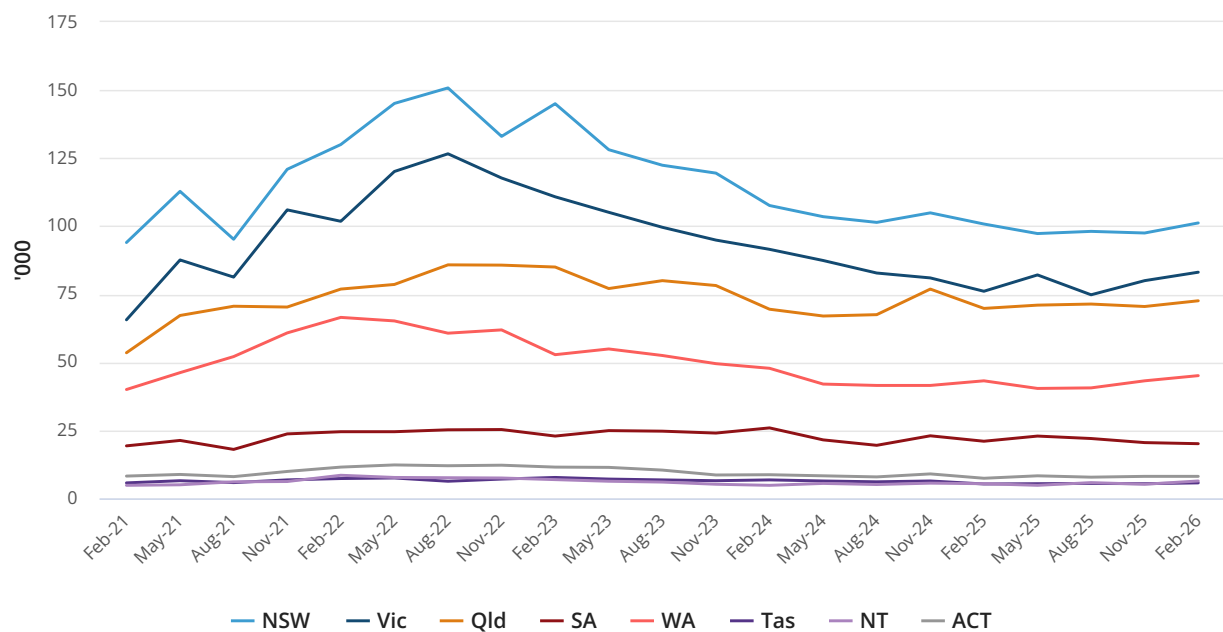
Job vacancies, seasonally adjusted



The Job Vacancies Survey was suspended between August 2008 to August 2009 (inclusive).

States and territories

Job vacancies, states and territories, original



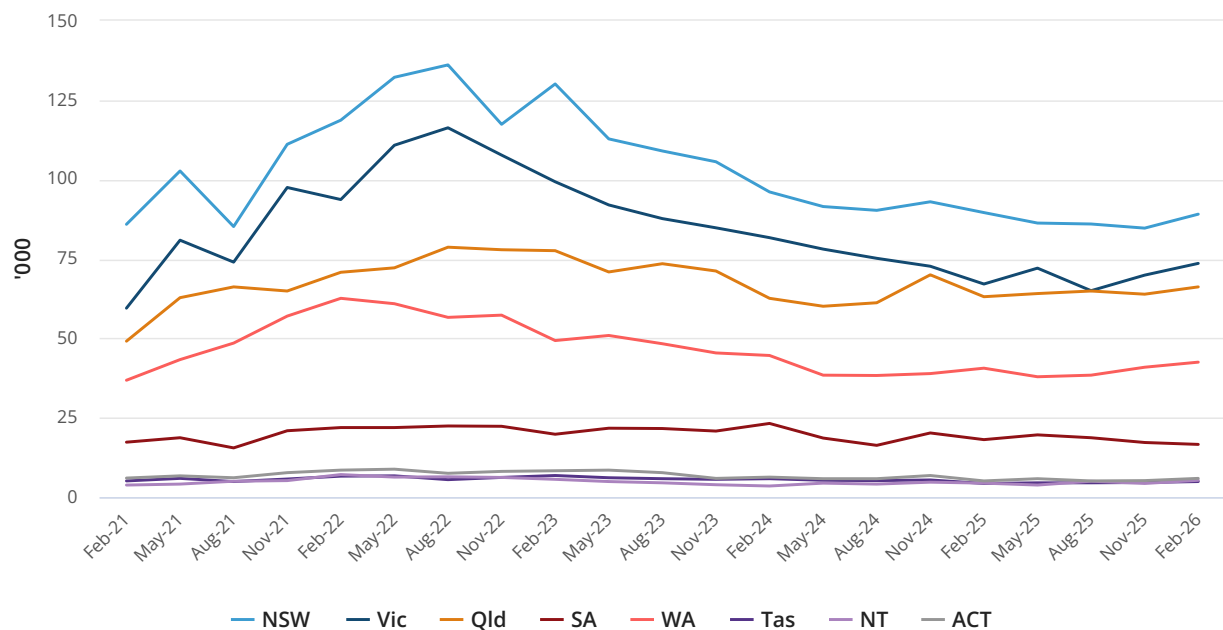
Change in job vacancies, states and territories (%)

	Change from previous quarter						Change from corresponding quarter of previous year		
	Nov-24	Feb-25	May-25	Aug-25	Nov-25	Feb-26	Feb-24	Feb-25	Feb-26
NSW	3.5	-3.9	-3.4	0.8	-0.6	3.8	-25.8	-6.3	0.4
Vic	-2.2	-6.1	7.9	-8.8	7.0	3.9	-17.4	-16.8	9.2
Qld	13.8	-9.2	1.7	0.6	-1.2	3.0	-18.2	0.3	4.1
SA	17.7	-8.7	9.0	-3.9	-6.6	-2.3	13.0	-19.1	-4.3
WA	-0.1	3.9	-6.3	0.3	6.5	4.3	-9.3	-9.8	4.5
Tas	4.0	-17.4	3.0	1.6	-1.6	5.9	-11.0	-23.0	9.1
NT	8.8	-2.8	-12.2	21.9	-11.3	23.0	-30.4	13.9	16.7
ACT	13.7	-16.8	11.6	-6.4	3.7	0.3	-24.2	-14.5	8.7
Australia	4.9	-5.5	1.0	-1.9	1.4	3.6	-18.0	-9.3	4.1
Australia (Seasonally adjusted)	4.3	-6.0	3.1	-2.5	0.5	2.7	-18.0	-9.5	3.7
Australia (Trend)	-0.7	-0.6	-1.0	-0.3	0.6	0.6	-18.0	-7.5	-0.1

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Private sector

Job vacancies, private sector, states and territories, original



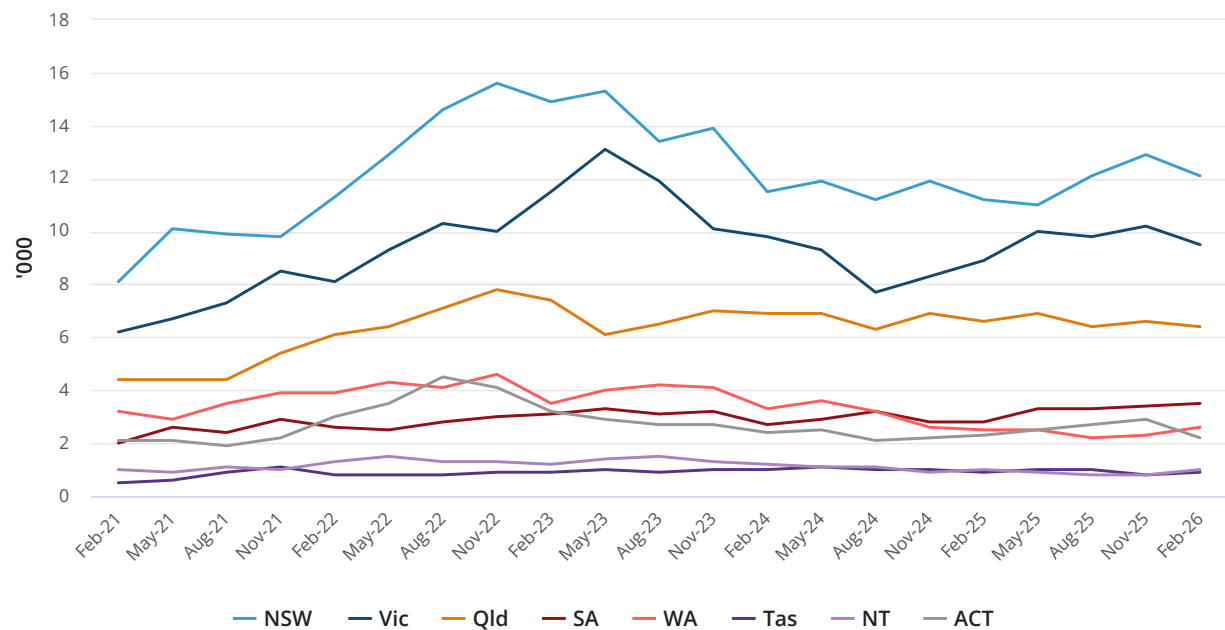
Change in job vacancies, private sector (%)

	Change from previous quarter						Change from corresponding quarter of previous year		
	Nov-24	Feb-25	May-25	Aug-25	Nov-25	Feb-26	Feb-24	Feb-25	Feb-26
NSW	3.1	-3.7	-3.7	-0.4	-1.5	5.3	-26.2	-6.7	-0.5
Vic	-3.2	-7.7	7.4	-9.8	7.4	5.3	-17.8	-17.8	9.6
Qld	14.3	-9.8	1.5	1.4	-1.6	3.7	-19.3	0.8	4.9
SA	23.5	-10.0	8.0	-4.7	-8.0	-3.3	17.1	-21.8	-8.5
WA	1.4	4.5	-6.6	1.2	6.5	4.0	-9.6	-8.8	4.6
Tas	3.8	-19.4	3.6	-0.1	2.4	6.6	-13.8	-25.8	13.0
NT	14.5	-5.2	-13.0	30.9	-13.7	22.6	-37.2	24.8	20.5
ACT	17.2	-24.7	14.4	-13.1	2.6	13.7	-24.1	-19.2	15.9
Australia	5.2	-6.1	0.6	-2.2	1.0	4.7	-18.4	-9.7	4.0
Australia (Seasonally adjusted)	4.7	-7.1	3.4	-3.2	0.3	3.2	-18.4	-9.9	3.6
Australia (Trend)	-0.7	-0.8	-1.4	-0.6	0.5	0.6	-18.4	-7.4	-0.9

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Public sector

Job vacancies, public sector, states and territories, original



Change in job vacancies, public sector (%)

	Change from previous quarter					Change from corresponding quarter of previous year			
	Nov-24	Feb-25	May-25	Aug-25	Nov-25	Feb-26	Feb-24	Feb-25	Feb-26
NSW	6.6	-6.0	-1.2	9.6	6.2	-5.9	-22.3	-3.2	8.2
Vic	7.5	8.3	11.4	-1.8	4.0	-6.2	-14.3	-8.9	6.7
Qld	8.7	-3.4	4.2	-6.8	2.8	-3.3	-6.7	-4.3	-3.4
SA	-11.8	0.9	15.6	0.9	1.7	3.1	-12.7	3.5	22.4
WA	-17.8	-4.5	-0.3	-13.9	7.5	10.7	-5.7	-23.6	2.1
Tas	5.2	-6.9	0.4	9.7	-19.0	1.9	9.1	-6.8	-9.1
NT	-13.1	9.2	-9.0	-15.1	3.7	24.8	0.7	-17.3	0.1
ACT	4.2	7.4	5.5	9.5	5.8	-23.9	-24.6	-2.1	-6.9
Australia	2.5	-0.5	4.5	0.8	4.0	-4.3	-14.7	-6.6	4.8
Australia (Seasonally adjusted)	0.3	3.4	0.9	2.8	1.6	-0.7	-14.7	-6.5	4.7
Australia (Trend)	-1.1	1.5	2.8	1.9	1.2	0.8	-14.5	-8.6	6.9

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Industry

Job vacancies, industry, original ('000)

	Nov-24	Feb-25	May-25	Aug-25	Nov-25	Feb-26
Mining	9.6	10.3	10.0	8.6	9.3	10.2
Manufacturing	14.8	18.2	19.6	21.5	19.7	18.6
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	4.5	3.9	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.8
Construction	22.2	18.5	22.3	19.5	18.1	21.6
Wholesale trade	11.6	12.2	10.5	11.7	13.3	15.1
Retail trade	30.5	25.6	25.3	28.7	27.8	30.7
Accommodation and food services	38.0	38.7	38.1	37.7	38.2	40.6
Transport, postal and warehousing	11.3	11.2	10.7	10.5	9.5	10.4
Information media and telecommunications	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.5	3.6	3.3
Financial and insurance services	11.5	11.8	12.4	10.5	10.8	11.3
Rental, hiring and real estate services	6.1	6.5	5.8	5.4	4.7	4.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	41.1	34.1	38.4	34.3	33.6	36.2
Administrative and support services	27.4	25.4	26.3	27.4	28.7	27.1
Public administration and safety	20.5	20.4	22.0	21.3	23.2	22.5
Education and training	10.9	11.6	12.2	12.9	10.9	11.8
Health care and social assistance	62.7	59.1	55.2	55.3	59.6	57.8
Arts and recreation services	6.6	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.8	4.5
Other services	15.0	13.4	11.8	9.4	11.2	12.0

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